



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: December temperatures above normal.

Hay supplies mostly adequate.

Corn grain harvest still underway.

Temperatures for the five week period ending December 31 were above normal for the State. Daytime temperatures reached the low 50's to mid 60's in many areas of the State. Snow was beginning to accumulate in mountain areas, but most areas had no snow cover. Average snow cover depth across the state was 1.8 inches, down 2.8 inches from last year at this time. Although most of the state had below normal precipitation, soil moisture slipped only slightly from a month ago. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate in 58 percent of the State, down 3 points from November 26. Last year at this time, only 49 percent was rated adequate and the 5-year average is 30 percent. Subsoil moisture was rated adequate in 39 percent of the state, compared with only 28 percent adequate last year and the average of 21 percent.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	TOPSOIL			SUBSOIL		
	This Week	Last Year	5-yr Avg	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	9	13	17	27	23	22
Short	33	38	53	34	49	57
Adeq	58	48	30	39	28	21
Surp	0	1	0	0	0	0

FIELD CROP REPORT: The 2004 winter wheat crop remained in good condition during December. Ninety-three percent of the crop was in good or excellent condition at month's end. Last year at this time, only 43 percent of the crop was in good condition. About 95 percent of the acreage had no wind damage, with the remainder having only light damage. Also 92 percent of the acreage had no freeze damage, and the remainder had light damage.

Corn harvest continued to be well behind average pace. At the end of December, only 85 percent of the corn grain crop had been harvested, while harvest is typically completed by early December.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

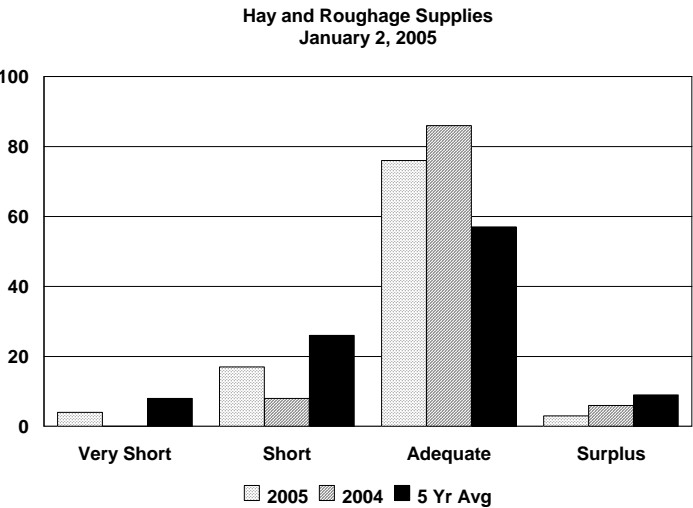
ITEM	V	POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
				Percent		
Winter Wht	0	0	7	64	29	

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Month	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
		Percent		
Corn Harvested	85	74	100	100

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Hay and roughage supplies were rated adequate or surplus in 79 percent of the State, up 1 percent from last month but still worse than last year at this time when over 90 percent of the State had adequate or surplus supplies. Stock water supplies were rated short or very short in 56 percent of Wyoming, up 4 points from last year and up 6 points from last month. Cattle and sheep were rated in fair to mostly good condition at the end of December.

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures for the five weeks through December 31 averaged above normal for the State. Temperatures ranged from 0.2 degrees below normal in Powell to 6.9 degrees above normal in Sheridan. The low temperature for the month was recorded in Recluse at 26 degrees below zero, and the high temperature was 66 in Sheridan. Highs ranged mostly from the high 40's to mid 60's. Lows ranged from the negative teens to negative single digits. Precipitation averaged below normal for most of the State. The most precipitation fell in Jackson with 1.24 inches, Chugwater with 1.22 inches, and Afton with 1.11 inches.



TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION						
STATION	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	-----		
	:	:	:	:	:	:	NORM	:	
	:	:	:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/05	THRU	DEP.
	:	:	:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM
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AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.